THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL LIKARJUN) (a) Yes, Sir

(b) The work will be considered for inclu sion in 1993–94 Works Programme, after finalisation of preliminaries with the West Bengal State Government

Derailment of Goods Train

2256 SHRI HARADHAN ROY Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether there was a derailment of goods train near Sitarampur in September, 1991,

(b) whether any enquiry has been con ducted into the causes of the derailment, and

(c) if so, the findings thereof and the action being taken against the erring offi cials?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL LIKARJUN) (a) and (b) Yes, Sir

(c) The accident occurred due to over–loading of wagons Penal freight has been levied on the consignee

Shortage of Wagons in Palakkad and Thiruvanthapuram Division

2257 SHRI V S VIJAYARAGHAVAN Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether there is a shortage of wag ons in Palakkad and Thiruvanthapuram divi sion of Southern Railway,

(b) if so, the reasons therefor, and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to provide more wagons to this division?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL LIKARJUN) (a) There is no shortage of wagons for meeting the demands for move ment of Block Rakes However there is a time lag between placement of indents and supply of wagons in the case of piecemeal traffic Demands for piecemeal w.. to be held back to permit formation c rakes

(b) and (c) Do not arise

Train Accident near Mahadelya Nagar

2258 SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether there was a major accident of 2 Dn C C B passenger train near Ma-hadelya Nagar (Gadwa District) in Bihar in June, 1991,

(b) if so the causes of the accident

(c) whether the Government have paid any compensation to the families of the victims and

(d) if so the amount of compensation paid and the number of families to whom such compensation has ben paid?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL LIKARJUN) (a) Yes, Sir

(b) The accident was caused due to negligence of the bus driver

(c) No, Sir

(d) Does not anse